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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY CAIRO NIACT IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV NIACT IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652:

TAGS: MASS, EG, IS, IT

SUBJECT:AMOCO INCIDENT

1. FOR PRESENT, WE HAVE NO NEW THOUGHTS ON HOW TO  
MINIMIZE POSSIBILITIES OF CONFRONTATION RE AMOCO DRILLING.  
AMOCO ALLEGATION THAT ISRAELI NAVY HAS BEEN PULLING BUOYS  
AROUND MIGHT SUGGEST ISRAELIS HAVE REPOSITIONED BUOYS TO  
THEIR SATISFACTION.

2. FOR TEL AVIV: SHOULD GOI CONTACT YOU ON SUBJECT,  
PLEASE CONFIRM OUR LATEST UNDERSTANDING FROM AMOCO THAT RIG  
AND BUOYS ARE WEST OF "LINE." YOU MIGHT ALSO TELL GOI WE  
ASSUME REPORTS FROM AMOCO OF ISRAELI NAVY PULLING BUOYS  
AROUND HOPEFULLY SUGGESTS ISRAELIS HAVE REPOSITIONED BUOYS  
AND ARE SATISFIED THAT WHOLE OPERATION IS WEST OF THE  
"LINE." IN ANY EVENT, EMPHASIZE THAT ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN/  
AMOCO CONFRONTATION IN GULF WITH POSSIBLE TRAGIC CONSE-  
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QUENCES IS LAST THING WE ALL NEED AT THIS TIME.

3. FOR CAIRO: REQUEST YOU REPORT QUICKLY LATEST INFO FROM  
AMOCO RE LOCATION OF RIG AND BUOYS AND ACTIVITIES IN  
AREA. VANCE

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